The foundation of the new Power House at Pallivasal.

22. **Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the depth below the surface of the earth of the rock on which the new foundation of the Power House at Pallivasal is laid ; and

(*b*) the distance of that foundation from the first one which had to be discarded ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) The depths below the surface of the earth of the rock on which the new foundation of the Power House at Pallivasal is laid are 28' and 42' at the two corners of the first end, and 10' and 12' at the rear end.

(*b*) $1\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether this particular site has been discovered as a result of the enquiry or by accident?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That was discovered by investigation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether investigations were made before to find out a suitable way of accommodation for the new power house ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Not, that I am aware of.

Women and Children's hospitals in Kottayam Division.

23. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many hospitals for women and children are there in the Kottayam Division of the Travancore State ?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There are no hospitals in the Kottayam Division exclusively set apart for women and children. But there are lady doctors attached to the District Hospitals at Kottayam and Parur.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail (*Nominated*) : May I know the reason why lady doctors were not appointed in certain hospitals?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There was no sufficient demand for the same.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: May I know whether the member is aware that more than half the population of the State consists of females ?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Yes.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail : Then, may I know why the Government have not considered the necessity for appointing lady doctors in all the hospitals of the State ?

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